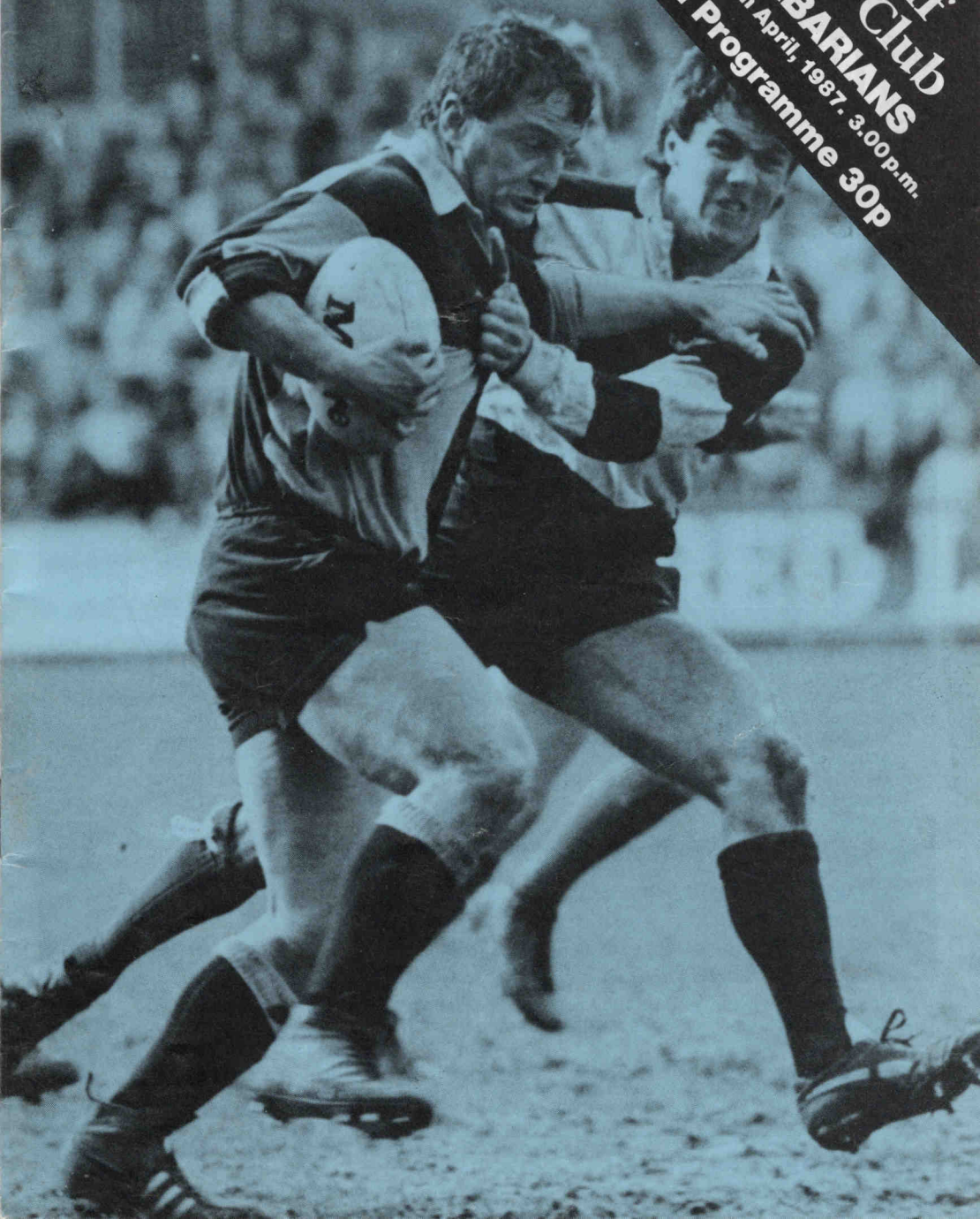


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Saturday, 18th April, 1987. 3.00 p.m.

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Cardiff v. Barbarians

SATURDAY, 18th APRIL, 1987

KICK-OFF 3.00p.m.

The far more illustrious and infinitely more erudite previous author of these notes, David Hayward, once wrote that regardless of convention The Cardiff Rugby Club always recognised that the first day of spring had arrived when the BaaBaas came gambolling into The Arms Park on their annual visit. This being so, the old song 'Spring will be a little late this year' becomes very appropriate because Easter 1987 is just about as late as it can possibly be. We have no cause to complain about the wait however because having had the honour of staging the BaaBaas extravaganza on April 1st, we have been lucky enough to have had two bites at the cherry.

And what a game that turned out to be. The 'Little' BaaBaas, as the boys from Down Under call themselves, gave their Big BaaBaa brothers a bit of a lesson in the art of open rugby on that night. What a spectacle too for those of us who were fortunate enough to be present. It was Barbarian style rugby at its very best with all 30 players intent on enjoying themselves and entertaining the crowd. Perhaps the result should bring about a reversal of the Little and Big appellation because on that night the New Zealand boys were big in every sense of the word.

Obviously The BaaBaas will be very thankful for such a quick return to the scene in order to try to re-establish some sort of credibility. To this end they have picked a very useful looking squad. It will be a heaven sent opportunity for the likes of Paul Thorburn and Bleddyn Bowen to get more match practice prior to their world cup involvement. Another interesting selection is that of W.D. Carling a centre from Durham University. He is the son of an old Cardiff player Bill Carling who played during the mid 1960s. Also in keeping with their sense of the unusual an Italian and a Romanian will add an extra international touch to the already multi-national squad.

The BaaBaas visit this Easter begins something of a new era in their history. For the first time since 1901 they will not be playing their Good Friday game against Penarth. Regardless of the pros and cons of the situation it will certainly rob the South Wales scene of a really joyous occasion. Good Friday at Penarth was a must for some people who only saw a handful of games all season. It was a grand social occasion for spectators and the weekend at the Esplanade was a eye opener to many hundreds of BaaBaas over all those years. Let's earnestly hope that our own occasion never has to fall foul of any circumstances whatsoever that would rob us of the most prestigious fixture on our list.

The Cardiff/Barbarian association is a very exceptional one. Right from their first ever game against Hartlepool Rovers on 27th December 1890 when we had a representative player in R.B. Sweet-Escott no fewer than 103 other players from Cardiff have played for the famous nomads. Richard Cardus became the last when he played on April 1st. Appearance wise, Cliff Morgan holds the record with 18 selections. Then again in all their appearances against major touring teams from 1947-48 to 1984-85, 14 in all, Cardiff had been represented. Indeed Gerald Davies appeared for the BaaBaas in their victory over Australia in 1976. This helped him to the great honour of having appeared in six winning sides against The Wallabies, the only player in the British Isles to have done so. Then again Gareth Davies created a points scoring record for the BaaBaas when he notched up 31 in their game against Quebec on the 1976 tour to Canada. Further, Cardiff players have appeared on all four major tours made by the BaaBaas, two to South Africa and two to Canada. Another rather masochistic record held by a Cardiff player, D. Marsden Jones, was achieved in 1922-23 season when he played for the BarBaas against Penarth, Cardiff, Swansea and Neath in the space of five days on their Easter tour. He nearly did a repeat dose the following season after he had moved to London Welsh, when in four days he played against Cardiff, Swansea and Neath. Now that will take some beating these days.

On to today then for the 103rd game between our clubs. Of those already played we have won 64 to their 33 and 5 have been drawn. Let's hope today that we see another game of the usual high standard that the occasion invariably produces.

To all BaaBaas then old and new Welcome once again to Cardiff.

Finally today we would like to thank **STELRAD** for their very generous sponsorship of this afternoon's game. We hope they and their guests have an enjoyable day.

P.N.

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Barbarians v Australia 1948

In the recent BaaBaas programme of 1st April a wrong photograph was inadvertently reproduced. It should have been, as now shown, the victorious BaaBaa side of January 1948 against Bill McClean's touring Wallabies.



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MATCHES RECALLED

J.B.G. THOMAS moves steadily down Memory Lane this weekend by remembering two very special matches with the Barbarians at the Arms Park when the clubs shattered scoring records.

Easter Eggsellence

April 20, 1957: CARDIFF 0 points BARBARIANS 40 points

April 1, 1972: CARDIFF 43 points BARBARIANS 10 points

THERE IS no greater feast of rugby at the Arms Park than that produced by the annual Easter visit of the Barbarians. They have shared in many splendid matches but two stand out in the post-War years. The first, in 1957, saw Cardiff suffer their biggest thrashing in 82 years and their heaviest defeat by the Barbarians.

The captain of the season, Peter Goodfellow, confesses that the result haunts him. Cardiff made an error in deciding not to include three of their star backs. Cliff Morgan, Gordon Wells and Gareth Griffiths, because they were themselves going on a Barbarians tour — to Canada.

It appeared to upset the side and the Barbarians swept through the depleted Cardiff ranks like a tidal wave, providing a large crowd of 20,000 with a feast of running rugby that produced ten tries without reply. The display was quite amazing and yet not surprising when the visitors had such fine players as Arthur Smith, Tony O'Reilly, Andy Mulligan, Terry Davies, Doug Baker, Rees Stephens, R.H. Williams, Reggie Marques and Peter Thompson in their ranks.

Cardiff were beaten at forward and tackled poorly behind and there was no stopping the Barbarians on song. Spectators could not believe it was happening but the record shows the following scored the ten tries:— Smith (3), O'Reilly (2), Thompson (2), Hastings, Winn and Mulligan one apiece, with two conversions by Baker and two by Davies.

The roles of victor and vanquished were reversed 15 years later in 1972 when Cardiff inflicted on the Barbarians their heaviest defeat at the Arms Park, winning by 43 points to ten and scoring seven tries in the process.

It was Cardiff's biggest total against the Barbarians to avenge the defeat of 1957, and it was achieved with only 14 men after the first half hour, centre John Regan having to retire injured. Although the side included several internationals of fame like Gareth Edwards, Barry John and John Bevan, it was an outstanding team effort that produced the big total.

The pack was superb and flanker Mervyn John, this season's Cardiff chairman, probably gave the best performance of his career. (For more about Mervyn, see the Quidnunc column). Edwards and John were on song and John collected 15 points with seven kicks.

Cardiff led at the interval by 15-6 and the stage was set for high scoring by a clever interception try by wing John Bevan. In the second half Cardiff scored 28 points, and the crowd of 12,000 really had something to cheer. Such displays as seen in these two matches were the best in rugby football. There was skill, pace, accuracy and artistry.

Cardiff's seven tries came from Bevan, Wayne, Lewis, Edwards, Robinson, Baxter and hooker Gary Davies (2). John converted six of the seven and kicked a penalty goal. The Barbarians replied with a try by Billy Steele and two penalties by Pierre Villepreux.

It is hoped that today's match is less one-sided but equally attractive. One famous personality may be missing, unfortunately, as Herbert Waddell, president of the Barbarians, is not too well. However, Mickey Steele-Bodger, will prove an able and cheerful 'replacement'.

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J. Warren Hailes

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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

WHICH Welsh rugby club chairman does not like kissogram ladies (especially when they are dressed as sexy policewomen and arrive with 40th birthday greetings)? Which chairman has not told his fellow committee men that he plays the euphonium (of all things) and sees the New Year in by blowing his horn? And which chairman appeared at the clubhouse on one occasion so well disguised as a witch, complete with broomstick, that no-one recognised him? And, finally, which chairman has a 10 year-old soccer-loving son who anxiously scans the Financial Times each day to see whether the dollar has yet moved to two to the £ (because he had been promised a return holiday to America when it does)?

The answer to all, surprise, surprise, is Cardiff.

Mr. Mervyn John, when he takes time off from trying to start that wretched motor mower he bought in a moment of nostalgic madness from Porthcawl R.F.C., is indeed a man of many parts, most of which he keeps as well hidden as the sleight-of-hand which used to make him a fair magician. He wanted to be at one time a second Tommy Cooper — but instead performs other tricks as Industrial Manager for the Cardiff branch of Chartered Trust. Talking of them reminds me: make sure you check your lucky number on the back page — though, I hasten to add lest I am accused of giving a free plug, the afore-mentioned Mr. John has nothing to do with the advertisement.

But Mervyn has a great deal to do with Cardiff Rugby Football Club and has had for 20 years now, for it was in season 1967-68 that the flanker from Senghenydd — some claim he comes from only a marginally fictitious place called Mutton Twmp — joined the club as the result of discussions with two men who are today fellow committee members, Haydn Wilkins and the redoubtable Stanley Bowes.

Thereafter, Mervyn played an enormous 317 games, with 86 tries, for the First XV, being unlucky according to many not to get a Welsh cap or two, broke records as a try scorer for a flanker and was one of the very few to captain both the senior side and the Rags. Elsewhere in this programme, J.B.G. Thomas recalls what he believes was Mervyn's finest game — the occasion of Cardiff's 43-10 victory over today's guests, the Barbarians. Mervyn himself takes the view that he was playing his best rugby when he played against a Welsh XV when the new Cardiff clubhouse was opened.

But there were other superb playing memories for the man who says that "they thought I was just a shade too short at 5ft 11ins to be of the international class. I reckon it was because I stood behind John Hickey, who dwarfed me, in the line-out." Mervyn John was made captain in season 1974-75 and was described by Danny Davies in his supreme history of the Cardiff club as "the best flanker since Dai Hayward although international honours eluded him in spite of trials and county games." John Young, a Welsh selector later to become President of the W.R.U., told Mervyn to build himself up by getting "a ton of sand, shovel it to one corner of the garden and then shovel it back again." Then he was twice captain of the Rags once during an unbeaten season. There were other records: in season 1971-72, he played in 51 of Cardiff's 53 matches. In 1972-73 both he and Roger Lane scored 16 tries, thus beating the then record for a forward held by Mr. President, Les Spence.

And yet there has to be one tour that Mervyn John must remember particularly. During the Cardiff visit to Rhodesia, he scored tries in each of the five matches played — seven in all — including the game against the Rhodesian national side which Cardiff won 23-6. Despite all our thoughts on picking sides, these committee men have done a thing or two, you know. The chairman even captained Cardiff in a rough, tough match against the All Blacks in 1972 after skipper Gerry Wallace had to call off. "It was a punchy game," Mervyn will recall laconically, but others described it as 'unsavoury' and, even, 'a complete disaster'.

But he's that sort of man, quiet, humorous, a practical joker who will stand back and watch the blue touch paper burn. His wife Denise runs a day nursery from the family home overlooking Rest Bay and I am assured it is sometimes possible to see Mervyn, who somehow does not put on weight, run a 100 yards or so as a training session. I say that about the weight because he has a quite incredible reputation for eating cakes, sweets, puddings and just about everything else which should be fattening.

He admits it. "Cakes for breakfast even. Loaf cakes which my wife makes for me to take away. Eccles cakes. Any cakes that I can lay my hands on," he confesses. Even cakes and pudding which Tony Williams and his wife pass on when they all go out to eat.

He would even eat (or drink) just the soup and a sweet before a game, forgetting the main course.

The former brass band player read history at Cardiff University — he also taught the subject for a while at Mountain Ash: Terry Charles was one of his pupils. He and the family (his other son, 14 year-old Christopher, is no mean rugby player) have taken up skiing: life is busy for the John family.

Quidnunc just hopes that there is no repetition of history to spoil Mervyn's enjoyment of the chairmanship this afternoon. The last occasion when a portrait was presented on the pitch, the glass was shattered and Bridgend's Gareth Williams cut himself so badly that he had to leave the field before the match started. Today, I believe, Mervyn is due to present a portrait to Gareth Davies. Take care.

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Rugby Quiz – No. 26

1. Who was the Cardiff player who captained the BaaBaas in February 1954 against Bob Stuarts touring All Blacks?
2. Which other Cardiff player featured in that game?
3. How many times since World War Two have we failed to score against The BaaBaas?
4. How many times have the BaaBaas failed to score in the same period?
5. What special event took place on 7th October, 1964?

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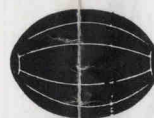
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- 10. G. JOHN
- 9. C. HUTCHINGS
- 1. J. WHITEFOOT
- 2. A. J. PHILLIPS (Captain)
- 3. S. BLACKMORE
- 4. H. STONE
- 5. R. NORSTER
- 6. R. LAKIN
- 8. J. P. SCOTT
- 7. G. ROBERTS
- 16. N. O'BRIEN
- 17. I. GREENSLADE



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- 12. R. BIDGOOD (Pontypool)
- 11. M. OFFIAH (Rosslyn Park)
- 10. S. BETTARELLO (Benetton Treviso)
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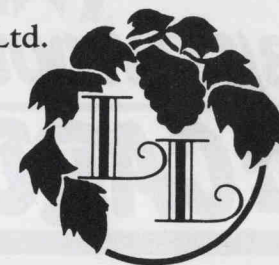
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3. Twice – 1957 and 1959.
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G. CORDLE	31	22	1	90	104(1)	78	1	314
D. EVANS	13	5	30	88	38(1)	10	66	185
M. RING	27	15	5	73	134	64	74	435
M. RAYER	36	5	18	65	67(1)	13	18	109
A. HADLEY	31	16	—	64	165	101	—	404
C. NORMAN	12(1)	14	—	56	12(1)	14	—	56
G. ROBERTS	30	13	—	52	81	27	—	108
R. CARDUS	24	12	—	48	24	12	—	48
G. DAVIES	10	7	—	28	10	7	—	28
N. O'BRIEN	12(4)	6	—	24	38(13)	15	—	60
T. CROTHERS	22	5	—	20	94(1)	23	—	92
A. PHILLIPS	28	5	—	20	388	142	—	568
C. WEBBER	9	1	6	17	93(7)	17	105	338
A. DONOVAN	30	4	—	16	125	17	—	68
R. LAKIN	28(1)	4	—	16	250(3)	59	—	236
P. RING	6	4	—	16	6	4	—	16
H. STONE	16	4	—	16	94(1)	14	—	56
G. PRITCHARD	10(8)	3	—	12	10(8)	3	—	12
J. SCOTT	19	2	—	8	236(2)	35	—	140
S. BLACKMORE	22	2	—	8	59	3	—	12
O. GOLDING	10	2	—	8	147(2)	49	—	196
A. GLASSON	2	2	—	8	19	10	—	40
D. WILLIAMS	4	2	—	8	4	2	—	8
R. NORSTER	21	1	—	4	232	13	—	52
M. PARRY	27	1	—	4	27	1	—	4
J. SOUTO	11(3)	1	—	4	41(11)	4	—	16
I. EIDMAN	11	1	—	4	201	3	—	12
K. EDWARDS	11	1	—	4	150	13	—	52
D. WRIGHT	4	1	—	4	5(1)	1	—	4
N. HUMPHREYS	2	1	—	4	7(1)	4	—	16
J. BURNELL	3	1	—	4	3	1	—	4
P. CRANE	13	1	—	4	18	1	—	4
C. COLLINS	23	1	—	4	70(2)	2	—	8
J. HOWELLS	1	—	2	4	4(2)	3	2	16
J. WHITEFOOT	25	—	—	—	233	7	—	28

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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

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- 2. QUESTION:** Can a penalty kick (or scrum in lieu) be taken right on the opponents' goal line.
ANSWER: **NO.** The minimum distance for the mark is five metres.
- 3. QUESTION:** Must a team take a place kick at goal after a try?
ANSWER: **NO,** you don't have to take a place kick at goal after a try. You can have a drop kick instead. Or, if pressed for time, you can cut out the kick altogether.
- 4. QUESTION:** Can a kicker change his mind on taking a penalty kick?
ANSWER: The kicker must not try to fox the opposition by going through the motions of taking a kick at goal and then suddenly switching to another kind of kick, such as a high kick ahead or a short tap kick. **Once he has indicated** to the referee, either verbally or by beginning to make a hole for a place kick, or in some other way, that he intends a kick at goal, a kick at goal it must be. The referee can ask what the kicker's intentions are.
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FIRST XV FIXTURES

1986			Sat. 20	Cross Keys (Cup)	A 19-6
SEPTEMBER			Fri. 26	Pontypridd	H 21-28
Mon. 1	St. Peters	A 27-12	Sat. 27	Bridgend	H 9-9
Wed. 3	Glamorgan Wanderers	H 22-13	1987		
Sat. 6	East District	H 30-9	JANUARY		
Wed. 10	Bristol	A 14-27	Thur. 1	Bath	H 32-21
Sat. 13	Neath	A 7-24	Sat. 3	Moseley	H 38-13
Sat. 20	Coventry	H 22-4	Sat. 10	Aberavon	H 20-12
Wed. 24	Pontypridd	A 39-12	Fri. 16	City of Derry	H Post.
Sat. 27	Aberavon	A 22-26	Sat. 24	Llanharan (Cup)	H 18-14
OCTOBER			Sat. 31	Llanelli	A Post.
Sat. 4	Newport	H 28-19	FEBRUARY		
Wed. 8	Bridgend	A 18-29	Wed. 4	Maesteg	A 24-30
Sat. 11	Northampton	H 35-4	Sat. 14	Sale	H 44-14
Sat. 18	Wasps	A 16-25	Wed. 18	Bristol	H 18-13
Wed. 22	Pontypool	H 17-13	Sat. 21	Ebbw Vale	H 10-19
Sat. 25	Harlequins	H 26-19	Sat. 28	Newport (Cup)	H 15-12
Wed. 29	Bath	A 9-28	MARCH		
NOVEMBER			Fri. 6	London Welsh	H 43-0
Sat. 1	Leicester	H 16-10	Sat. 14	Pontypool	A 15-27
Wed. 5	Oxford University	H 35-24	Wed. 18	Penarth	H 37-24
Sat. 8	Ebbw Vale	A 30-24	Sat. 28	Neath (S.F.Cup) at Swansea	16-6
Sat. 15	Treorchy (Cup)	A 14-7	Mon. 30	S. Glam. Institute	H 34-12
Sat. 22	Llanelli	H 16-16	APRIL		
Wed. 26	Newbridge	A 18-15	Fri. 3	City of Derry	H 34-9
Sat. 29	Bangor (N.I.)	H 21-14	Sun. 5	Bedford	A 36-6
DECEMBER			Sat. 11	Swansea	H 28-0
Sat. 10	Swansea	A 14-19	Sat. 18	Barbarians	H
Sat. 13	London Welsh	A 12-25	Sat. 25	Neath	H

ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

1986			DECEMBER		
SEPTEMBER			Sat. 6	Swansea Athletic	H 20-11
Wed. 3	Glamorgan Wanderers II	A 35-20	Wed. 10	Cardiff & District	H 22-7
Sat. 6	Kidwelly	H 36-16	Sat. 13	Risca	H 7-11
Wed. 10	Bristol United	H 23-27	Sat. 20	Neath Athletic	H 10-25
Sat. 13	Maesteg Celtic	H 20-16	Sat. 27	Bridgend Sports	A 17-12
Wed. 17	Garndiffaith	A 25-9	1987		
Sat. 20	Coventry Extras	A 16-12	JANUARY		
Wed. 24	Old Iltydians	H 18-9	Sat. 3	Moseley United	A 0-28
Sat. 27	Abercynon	H 35-20	Sat. 10	Blackwood	A 13-20
OCTOBER			Sat. 24	Bath United	H 12-9
Sat. 4	Newport United	A 43-30	Sat. 31	Pontypool United	H Post.
Wed. 8	Bridgend Sports	H 28-29	FEBRUARY		
Sat. 11	Neath Athletic	A 25-31	Sat. 7	Bridgend Ravens	H 4-23
Wed. 15	Resolven	H 70-0	Wed. 11	Pencoed	H 13-6
Sat. 18	St. Peters	H Post.	Sat. 14	Bristol United	A 0-16
Wed. 22	Pontypool Athletic	A 9-37	Sat. 21	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H 15-12
Sat. 25	Tondu	A 10-23	MARCH		
Wed. 29	Pyle	A 12-23	Wed. 11	Pontypridd Athletic	H 60-21
NOVEMBER			Sat. 14	Pontypool Athletic	H 38-16
Sat. 1	Leicester Extras	A 4-27	Tue. 17	Abercynon	A 19-12
Wed. 5	Newport Saracens	A 8-15	Wed. 25	Maesteg Celtic	A 9-19
Sat. 8	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H 13-7	Sat. 28	Newport United	H 45-24
Wed. 12	Pontypridd Athletic	A 17-25	APRIL		
Sat. 15	Pontypool United	A 32-15	Sat. 4	Caerleon	H Canc.
Wed. 19	Bedwas	H Post.	Wed. 8	Bedwas	A 8-6
Sat. 22	Bridgend Ravens	A 24-21	Sat. 11	Swansea Athletic	A 7-46
Wed. 26	Berry Hill	H Post.	Wed. 15	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	H 14-11
Sat. 29	Abercarn	A 19-34	Mon. 20	Blackwood	H

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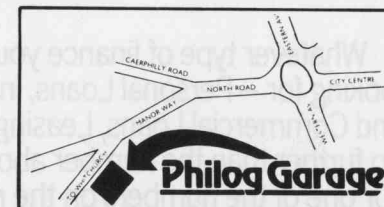
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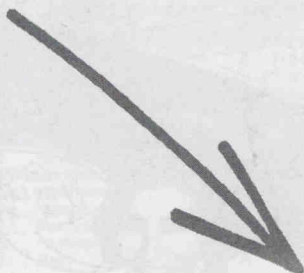
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